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### ***RAPIDGate*<sup>®</sup> PROGRAM INCREASES SECURITY & ACCESS EFFICIENCY AT NAVAL BASE POINT LOMA**

***Streamlined access program for vendors with options for multi-facility access***

**SAN DIEGO, CA (February 15, 2008)** – Vendors, suppliers, service providers and contractors serving U.S. Naval Base Point Loma are now able to participate in the *RAPIDGate*<sup>®</sup> Program for streamlined access control to the base. Naval Base Point Loma is the first installation in the San Diego metro area to implement the *RAPIDGate* Program, currently in operation at Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Homeland Security facilities across the continental U.S. and Hawaii.

The *RAPIDGate* program, offered by Eid Passport, Inc.<sup>®</sup>, was implemented at Naval Base Point Loma to mitigate the impact of new DOD security requirements at military installations. With the implementation of the *RAPIDGate* Program (an acronym which stands for “**R**egistered **A**nd **P**reviously **ID**’d”), procedures for accessing Naval Base Point Loma are streamlined and efficient, resulting in less waiting time for employees at the gates.

“The *RAPIDGate* Program has tremendous potential to improve the efficiency and security of contract and vendor work at Naval Base Point Loma,” said Captain Mark D. Patton, Commanding Officer of Naval Base Point Loma. “We have seen the success of this program at other installations and highly encourage our vendors, suppliers, service providers and

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contractors to register for the program. While currently limited to Naval Base Point Loma, it will soon be the standard for all bases in the San Diego metro region.”

Companies participating in the *RAPIDGate* Program at Naval Base Point Loma are issued an identity credential that allows them to gain access to Naval Base Point Loma through all nine gates. Since all *RAPIDGate* Program participants are previously screened, participants enjoy more convenient and expedient access to Naval Base Point Loma, and will only be subject to random vehicle inspections.

Companies choosing not to participate in the *RAPIDGate* Program must undergo a mandatory vehicle inspection each time they access Naval Base Point Loma and must be prepared to provide a government issued photo ID. In addition, the driver of the vehicle is required to provide proof of vehicle registration and proof of insurance.

All primary vendors, suppliers, service providers and contractors who require routine access to the installation have received a letter regarding the change in entry protocols. The new procedures were implemented on February 12, 2008. Information about the *RAPIDGate* Program is available at the Naval Base Point Loma Pass & Decal Office (SUBASE) or the Old Town Visitor Center.

“The Multi-Facility Access Program takes our *RAPIDGate* Program one step further by offering our customers the ability to use a single authorized *RAPIDGate* Credential across multiple installations,” explained Steve Larson, Chairman and CEO of Eid Passport. “We realize that the vendors, suppliers, service providers and contractors who serve our military installations all play a vital role in sustaining our nation’s armed forces; and we are pleased to offer them products which enable them to do so more efficiently.”

The cost for each additional installation is a fraction of the cost of the first installation. Once a company and its employees are participating at one *RAPIDGate* Program installation, the company can request access authorization at other *RAPIDGate* Program installations simply by calling the *RAPIDGate* Program at 1-877-*RAPIDGate* (1-877-727-4342).

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To participate in the *RAPIDGate* Program at Naval Base Point Loma, companies contact Eid Passport directly to complete an enrollment process. Employees of enrolled companies, who need access to the installation, can register for the program using the self-service Registration Stations located in the NAVBASE Point Loma Pass & Decal Office or the Old Town Visitor Center. Registration captures personal information, a photo and digital fingerprints for identity verification. The program uses the information to run a background screen on each employee who registers. Approved employees receive personalized *RAPIDGate* Badges, which serve as their credential for gaining access to the installation.

For further information about access procedures at Naval Base Point Loma contact the Physical Security & Anti-Terrorism Department at 619-767-4862. For more information about the *RAPIDGate* Program call 1-877-727-4342.

**About the *RAPIDGate* Program**

The *RAPIDGate* Program provides a voluntary identity and access management solution for vendor, supplier, contractor and subcontractor personnel that enter secure facilities. It provides multiple layers of physical security checks including: validation of employment status, identity authentication, background screening, biometric verification, and entry authorization verification. Access control personnel can process *RAPIDGate* badge holders in seconds, which improves gate efficiency, saves companies time and money, and improves customer service. One *RAPIDGate* Badge may be used to request access to multiple participating installations for even greater convenience, efficiency, and return on investment. The *RAPIDGate* Program already serves thousands of companies and tens of thousands of *RAPIDGate* Badge holders who enjoy streamlined access into Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security facilities across the continental U.S. and Hawaii. The *RAPIDGate* Program contains products and services subject to U.S. Patent No. 6,779,721.

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**About Eid Passport**

Eid Passport, Inc. ([www.eidpassport.com](http://www.eidpassport.com)) integrates leading-edge products and services into solutions that combine identity authentication, background screening and access management. Eid Passport's products and services make facilities, assets, and people safer and more secure. By using the Eid Passport's Enterprise ID Solutions, highly secure facilities — such as military installations, government buildings, manufacturing and distribution sites, ports, and commercial buildings — can increase security and streamline access for a variety of authorized personnel.

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